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AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA: UK NOTIFIES MALAYSIA

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1. SUMMARY: UK HIGH COMMISSION INFORMED GOM MFA UNDERSECRETARY OF US/UK AGREEMENT ENLARGE DIEGO GARCIA FACILITIES. MALAYSIAN STATED HE THOUGHT GOM SHOULD QUOTE REGRET UNQUOTE ACTION. END SUMMARY.

2. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION CHANCERY HEAD MIDDLETON CALLED ON MALAYSIAN MFA UNDERSECRETARY (NEUTRALIZATION AND DEFENSE LIASON) TUJALLA AFTERNOON OF FEB 5 TO NOTIFY GOM OF US/UK AGREEMENT TO ENLARGE DIEGO GARCIA FACILITIES. MIDDLETON COUCHED HIS APPROACH IN TERMS BRITISH DESIRE INFORM GOM PRIOR TO RELEASE OF REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. TALALLA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR NOTIFIAN AND SAID HE WOULD CONVEY INFORMATION TO HIS GOVT. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE STATED HE THOUGHT HIS GOVERNMENT SHOULD REGRET US/UK DECISION IN VIEW OF STRONG SUPPORT GOM GIVING TO INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE IN UNITED NATIONS. HE ALSO OPINED THAT THIS ACTION WOULD ESCALATE RATHER THAN RETARD NAVAL COMPETITION
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IN IO. WHEN MIDDLETON EXPLAINED DECISION NECESSARY BECAUSE OF INCREASED SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY IN PAST MONTHS AND EXPECTATION OF MUCH GREATER SOVIET PRESENCE ONCE SUEZ CANAL OPENS, TALALLA SAID THAT REDUCTION OF FORCES COULD BE BEGUN BY EITHER SIDE. TALALLA DID NOT ASK FOR DETAILS, THEREFORE MIDDLETON DID NOT USE INFORMATION IN Q'S AND A'S.

4. COMMENT: TALALLA'S REACTION PREDICTABLE IN VIEW HIS

PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERSONAL BELIEF IN THE EFFICACY
OF NEUTRAL ZONES. NEITHER BRITISH HC NOR EMBASSY
BELIEVE THAT GOM WILL GO FARTHER THAN TO EXPRESS ITS REGRET
AT US/UK DECISION, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IT WILL NOT
EVEN DO THIS PUBLICALLY UNLESS PUSHED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS
OR PRESS.

5. WE ARE FOLLOWING UP WITH TALALLA TODAY (FEB 6).
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